



HERO
SCANS

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An anime-style illustration of two young men sitting on stone steps. The man on the left is wearing a dark suit over a colorful floral shirt. The man on the right is wearing a dark shirt and a vibrant, multi-colored poncho with fringe. They are looking at each other closely. The background is a dramatic scene of fire and flames, with the words 'Hero Scans' written in a large, stylized, cursive font across the top.

Hero Scans

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VOLUME 2

CHAPTER 8

RAWS,
TYPESETTING,
EN PROOF,
QUALITY
CHECK:

QUIETUS

CLEANING:

KIMCHI

TRANSLATION,
TYPESETTING:

REI



JP PROOF:

YAGI

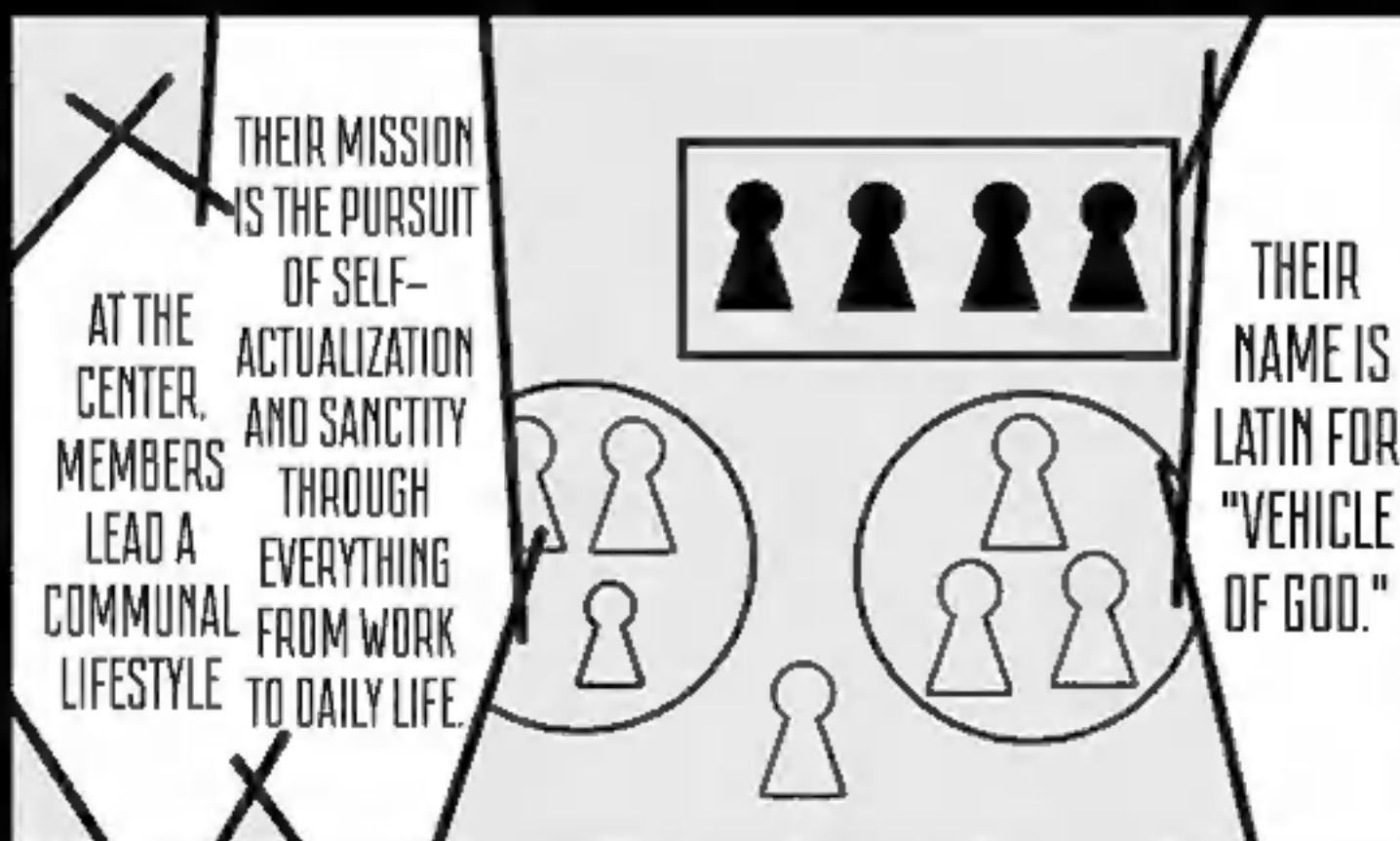
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JP/EN PROOF,
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VARRICK

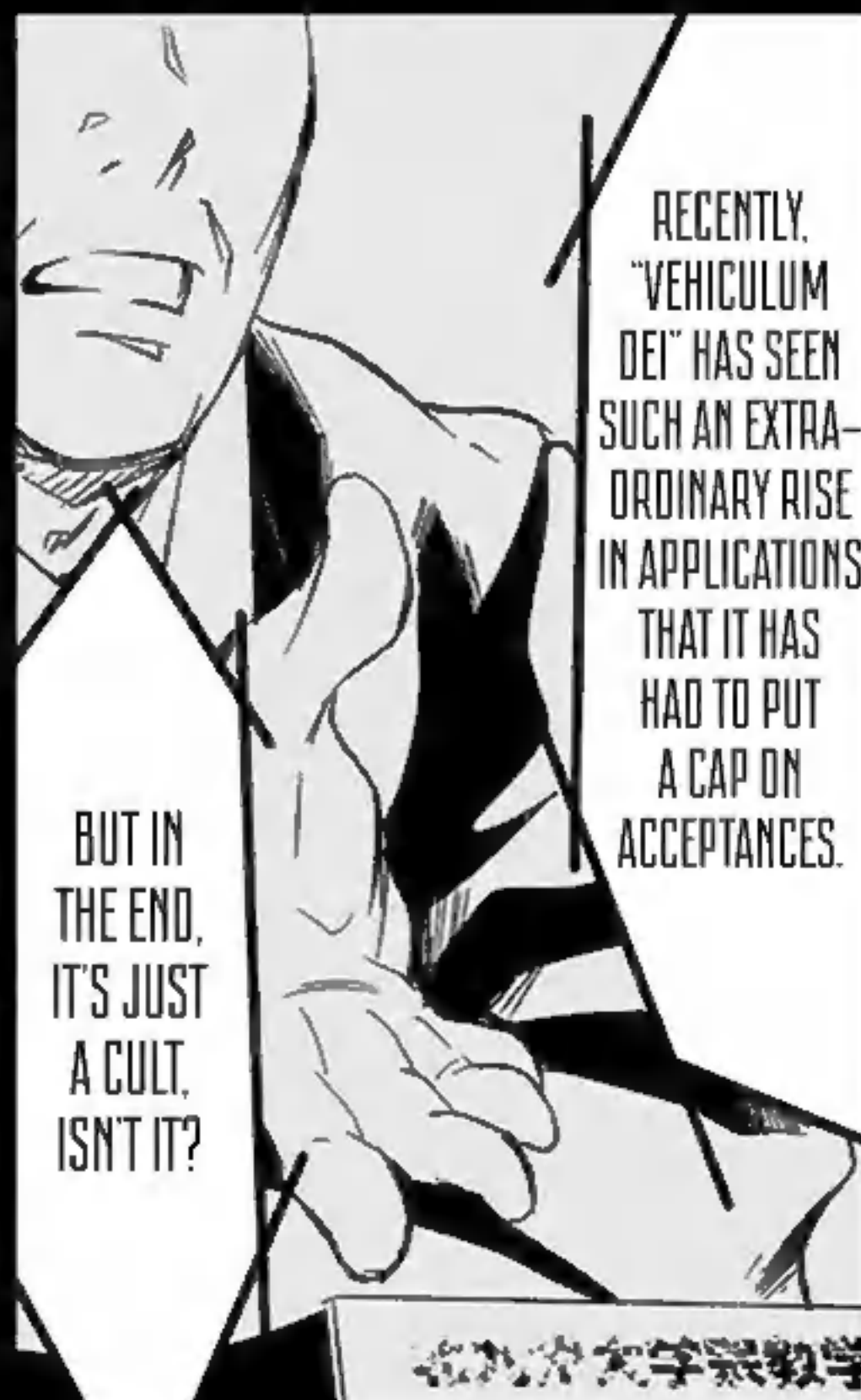




AT THE CENTER, MEMBERS LEAD A COMMUNAL LIFESTYLE

THEIR MISSION IS THE PURSUIT OF SELF-ACTUALIZATION AND SANCTITY THROUGH EVERYTHING FROM WORK TO DAILY LIFE.

THEIR NAME IS LATIN FOR "VEHICLE OF GOD."



RECENTLY, "VEHICULUM DEI" HAS SEEN SUCH AN EXTRAORDINARY RISE IN APPLICATIONS THAT IT HAS HAD TO PUT A CAP ON ACCEPTANCES.

BUT IN THE END, IT'S JUST A CULT, ISN'T IT?



THE BELIEVERS GENERALLY JOIN AS A WHOLE FAMILY, AND COME TOGETHER TO FORM A SMALL VILLAGE...

HOW DOES THE ONE IN CHARGE MANAGE SUCH-

MY APOLOGIES. THOUGH I WORK IN PUBLIC RELATIONS, I'VE BEEN FORBIDDEN TO SHOW MY FACE PUBLICLY.

BZZZZZZ



Which means... that we can use foreign ships bearing their name... very handy for our little product sampling parties.

Vehicula is an emerging cult that developed in South America and spread across Europe.

We just pay them a license fee to use their name for part of our operation, but we're a separate organization.

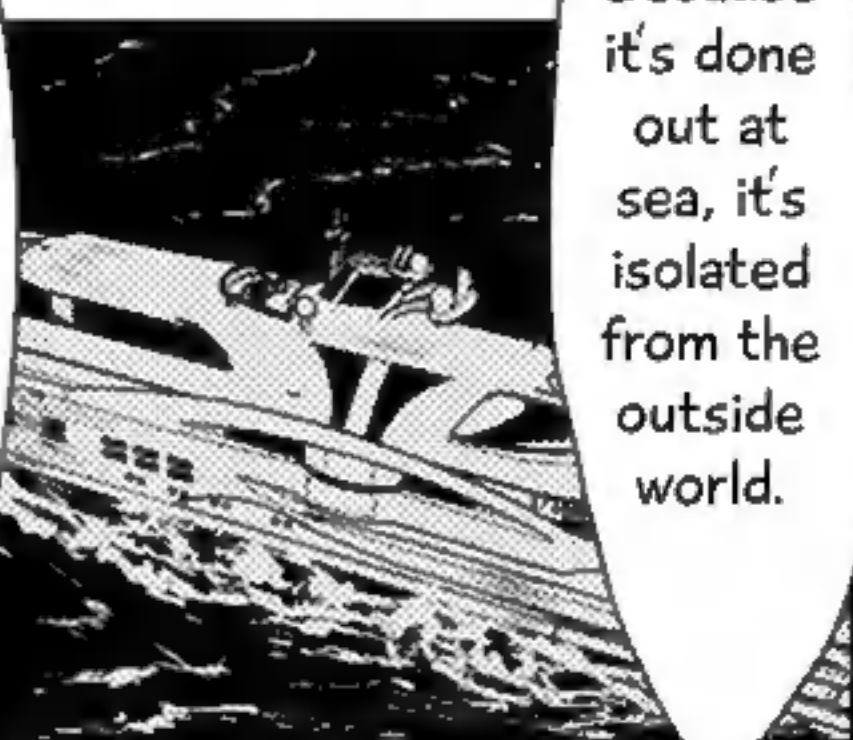
Well, that's the rumored Vehicula, but...



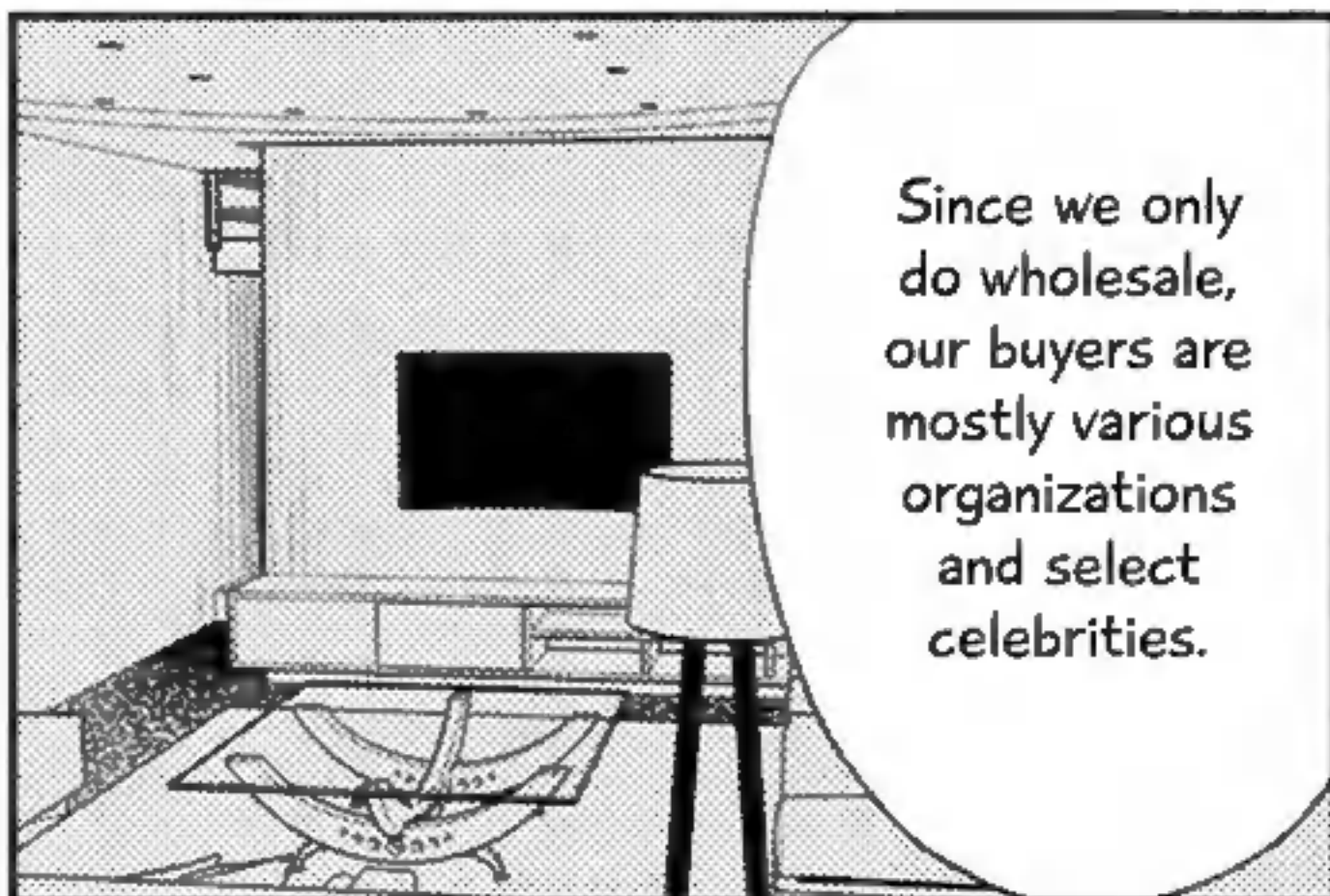
T/N: Hachi here is written with the number 8, which can be pronounced as hachi in Japanese.



And since it's a foreign-owned vessel, the police can't easily meddle for fear of causing international friction.



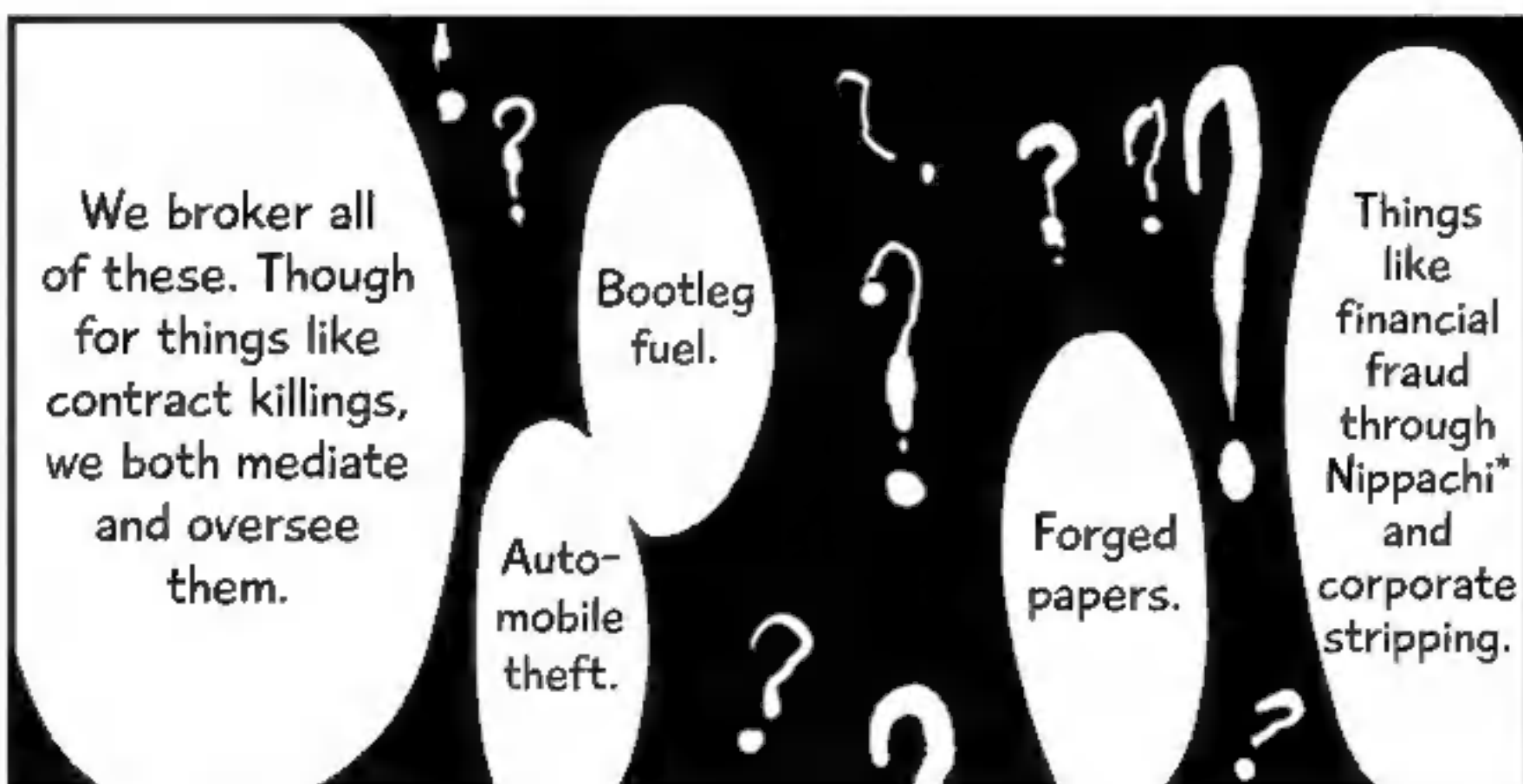
Because it's done out at sea, it's isolated from the outside world.



Since we only do wholesale, our buyers are mostly various organizations and select celebrities.



Kei... When he says 'product sampling', he's talking about drugs.



And the work we do is varied as well.

T/N: Nippachi (written with the kanji for 2 and 8) is a slang used to describe the trend for product sales to decrease annually during February and August.





Take a look.

That's far worse than what we are doing.



A market driven by greed and discontent.

That's what capitalism is.

It is natural for both money and water flow from top to bottom, equally dispersed.

But there are those who would disrupt the flow.



Even when there are children who have to sell themselves for money, all they do is discriminate against them.



We're doing them a favor by covering our tracks.

If we were to be discovered, those whose job it is to catch us would be forced to shift themselves and make a move.

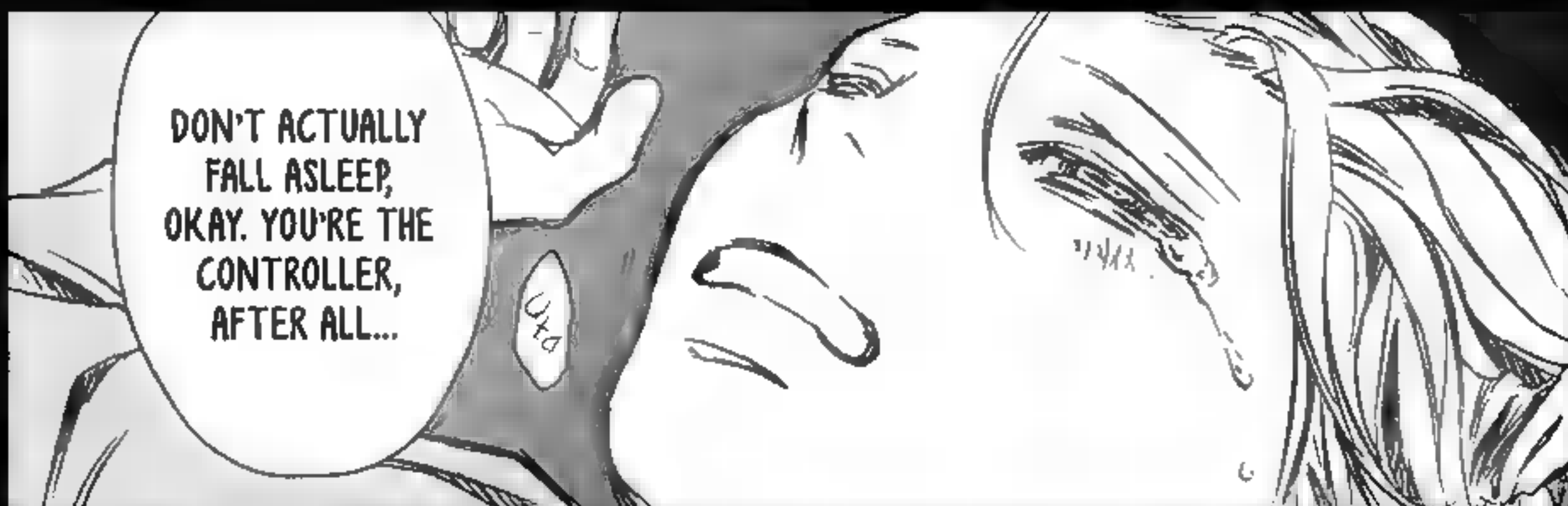
Well, setting aside the differences in moralities,





GET OUT!!

Sever all your connections to people who knew you from the surface.







WHEN
CHOI SAYS
"IT'S OKAY
TO KILL,"
HE MEANS
"KILL."



**AND
HE
LANDS
ANOTHER
BLOW**

WOW

!!!

**KILL
HIM.**





WOW
WOW
WOW

THE
MYSTERIOUS
HUNK K!!
HIS SAVAGE
TECHNIQUE
WON'T
STOP!!

RUMOR
HAS IT THAT
HE HAS
MILITARY
TRAINING!

AWK







JUST LIKE
THAT.

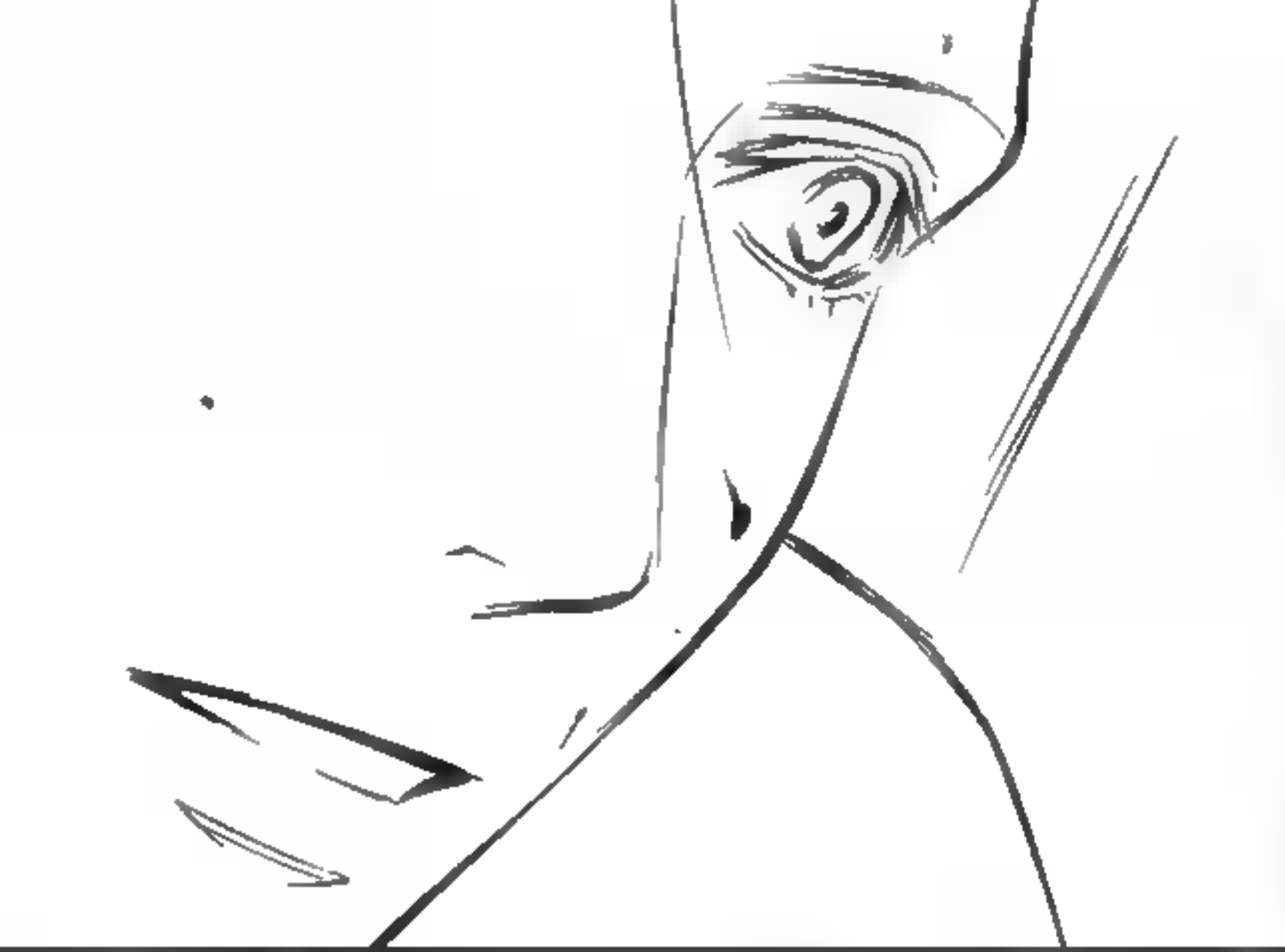
PUT
PRESSURE
ON THE
ARTERY.

AIRWAY.
CAROTID
ARTERY.



FUCK,
THIS
IS
BAD.

WON'T
SOMEONE
BRAVE
STEP IN
AND STOP
THIS?!





EVEN TO A
DOUCHEBAG
LIKE THAT,
HE'S STILL
OFFERING TO
HELP! WHAT
A GENT!

LOOK
AT
THAT!



HUH?

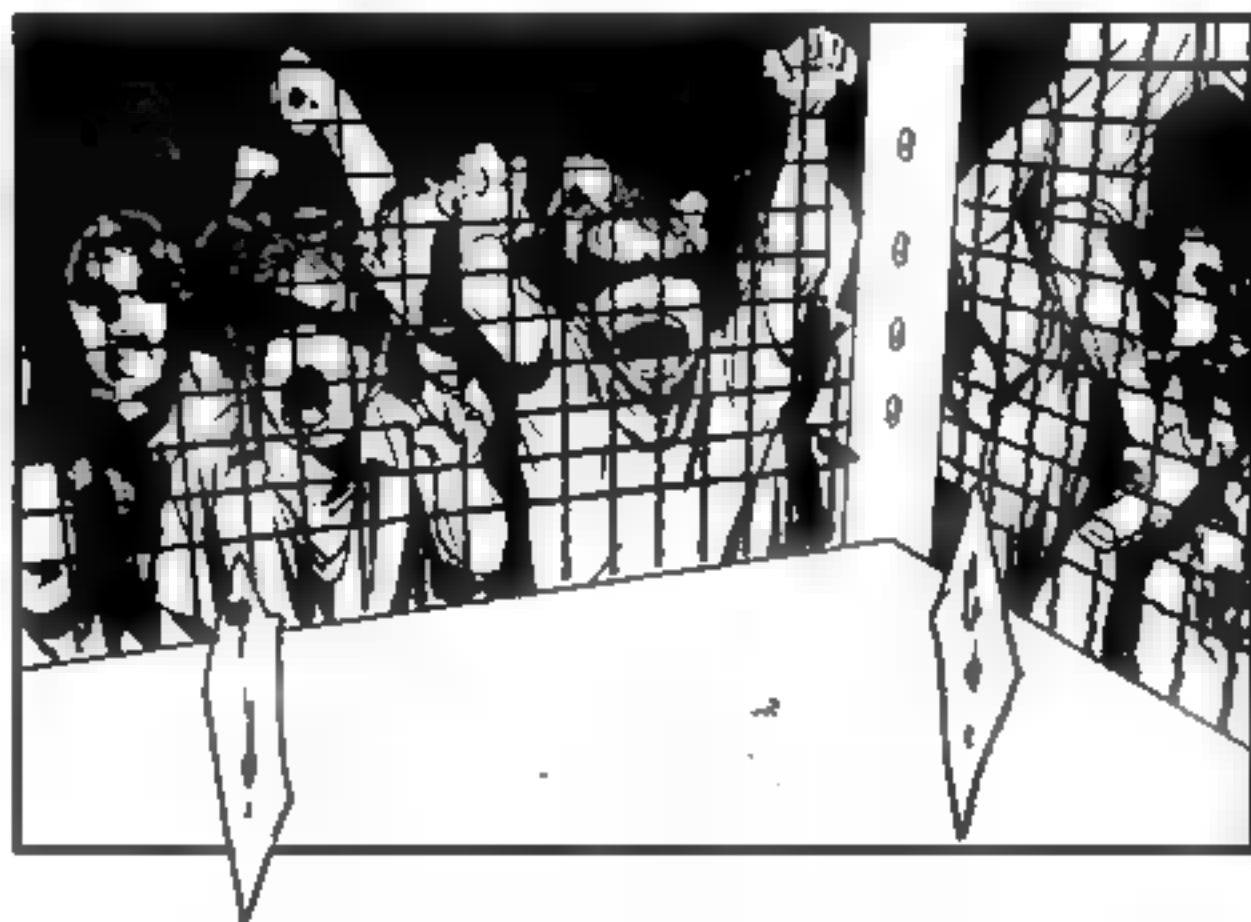
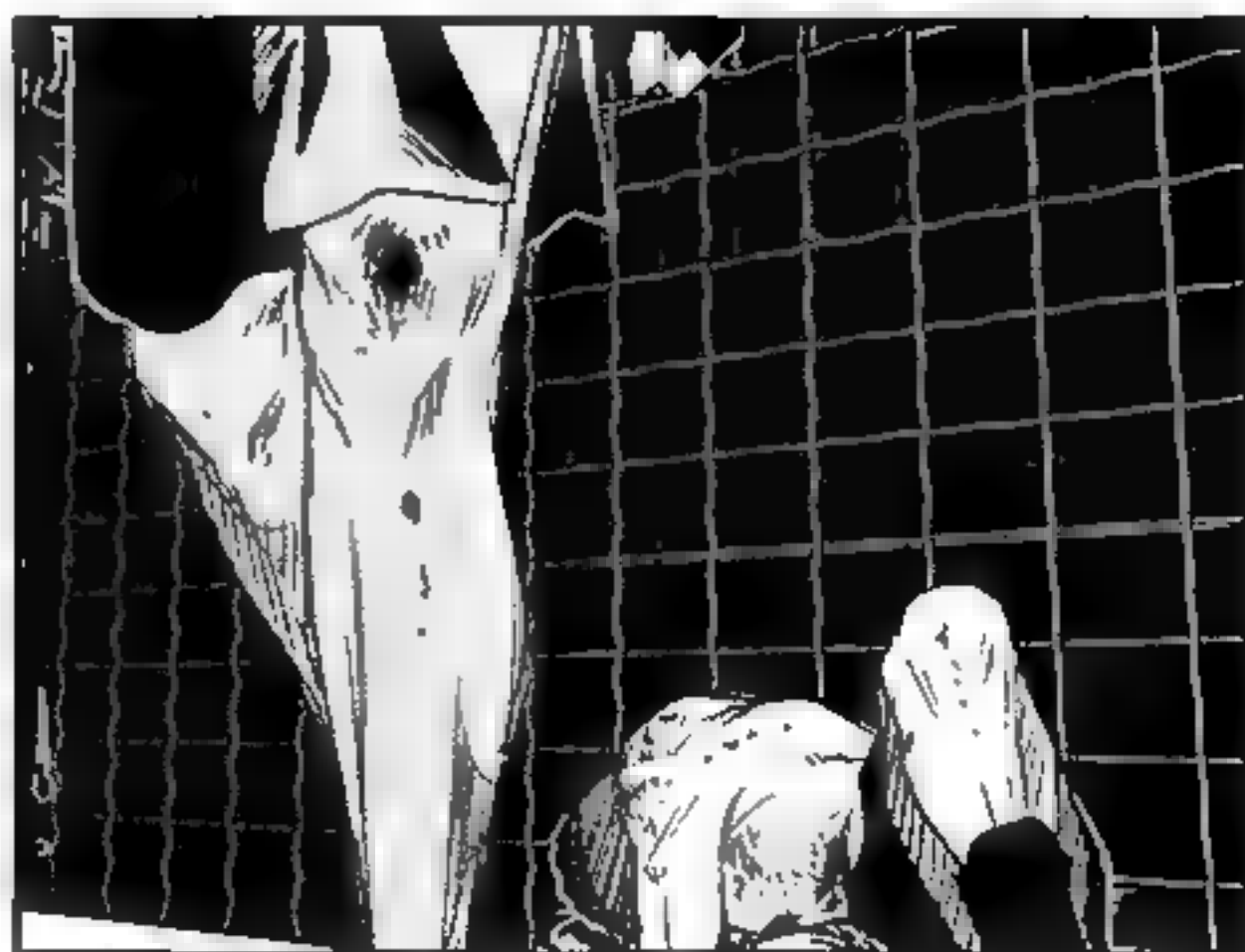


OI!!
STOP
OR I'LL
KICK
YOUR
ASS
OUT!!

DON'T
YOU
KNOW
WHEN TO
QUIT?







**GIVE
IT UP
FOR OUR
WINNER
K!**

Good work
out there.
You're bleeding
quite heavily,
aren't you?

For now,
just keep
your hand
raised.

**THE NEXT
MATCH IS
IN TWENTY
MINUTES!**

**NEXT TIME
SOMEONE
BRINGS IN A
KNIFE, I'LL
KICK 'EM
OUT!**

TELL THEM
WE'LL MURDER
ANYONE WHO
DISTRIBUTES
FOOTAGE OF
THIS...

...YES
SIR!

**W
O
A
H
!!**

**HE'S
TOO
DAMN
COOL!!**

**K!
JUST
HOW
HARD-
CORE
IS
THIS
GUY!
K!**



HURRY UP AND WASH IT WITH CLEAN WATER!!

'Kay, 'kay!

JUDGING BY THE COLOR, IT'S NOT FROM THE ARTERY, BUT HE MIGHT DIE IF WE LEAVE IT BE SO JUST TIE UP HIS UPPER ARM AND PUT PRESSURE ON THE WOUND.

UWAH THAT'S FILTHY! AND IT REEKS TOO, STOP IT!



Hachi... Take a quick look at where he's bleeding for me.



...I thought you were going to kill him.



This hurts doesn't it...?

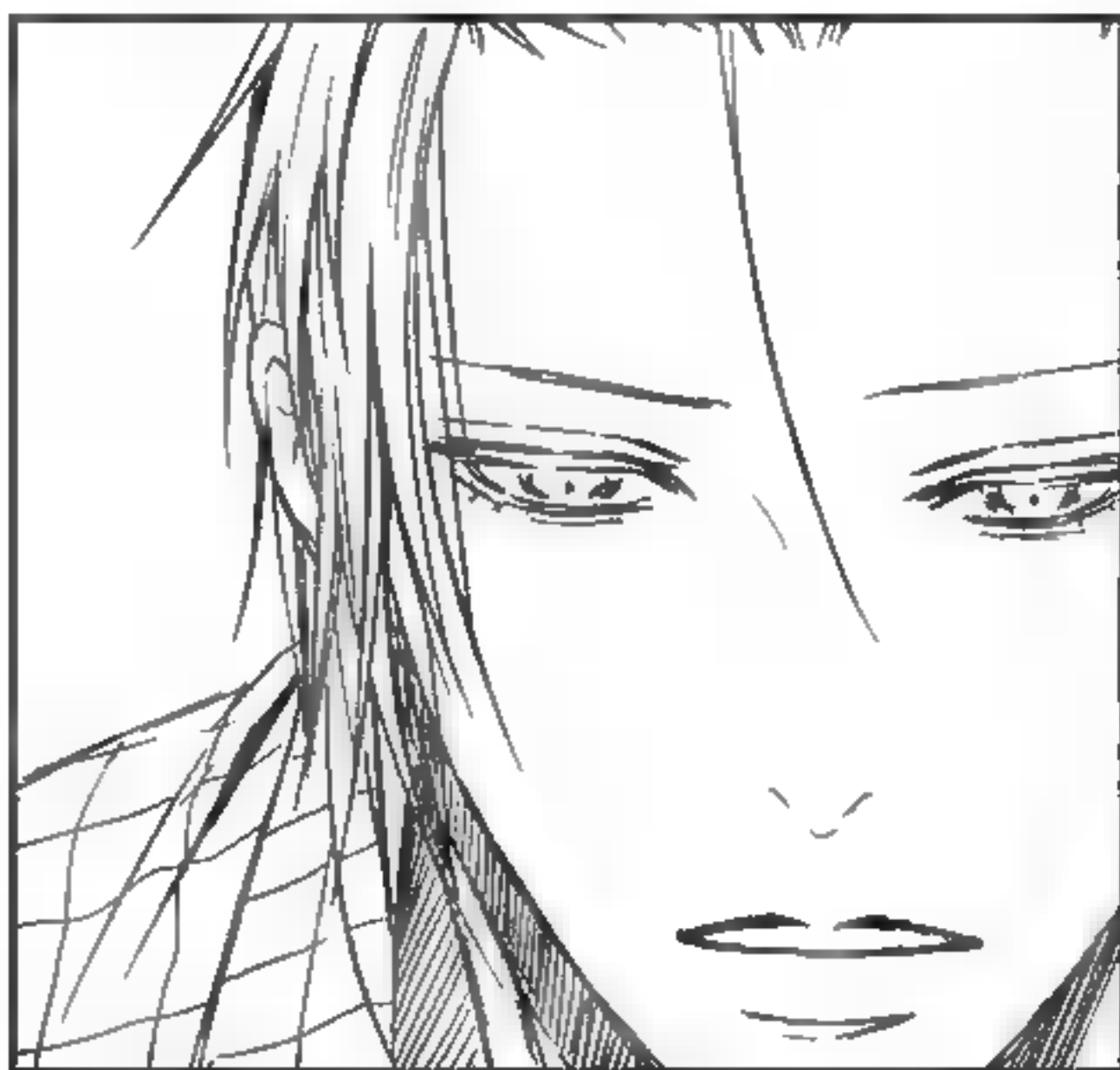
No, not really.



Hachi-!

The other guy's still alive so I'm leaving it to you to finish him off.

FOR REAL?



Mikoshiha Yutaka (5)	Yesterday ①
Mobile	
Mikoshiha Yutaka (15)	Wednesday ①
Mobile	
Mikoshiha Yutaka (5)	Tuesday ①

Yutaka-san?





...Maybe you
should ask the
police to search
for him?



...Erm.

What?

...Eh?



OH GOD,
I NEVER MEANT
TO TEAR TWO
LOVERS APART!

YOU
GUYS
ARE IN
LOVE?



No...
the thing
is, I...

To be
honest,
I don't
really like
Shiraishi
that much,
but...

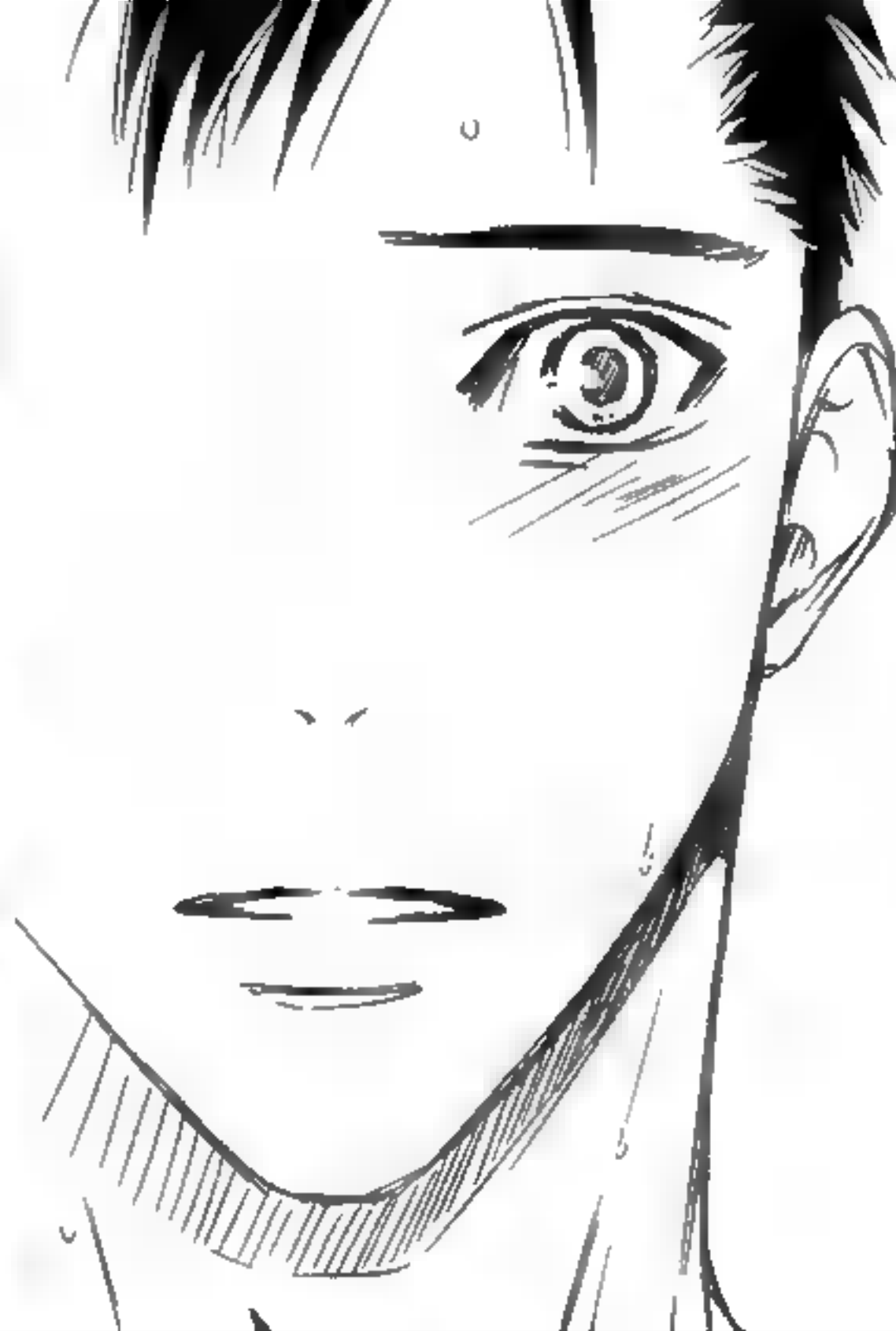


...And,

it was
me who...
kicked him
out...

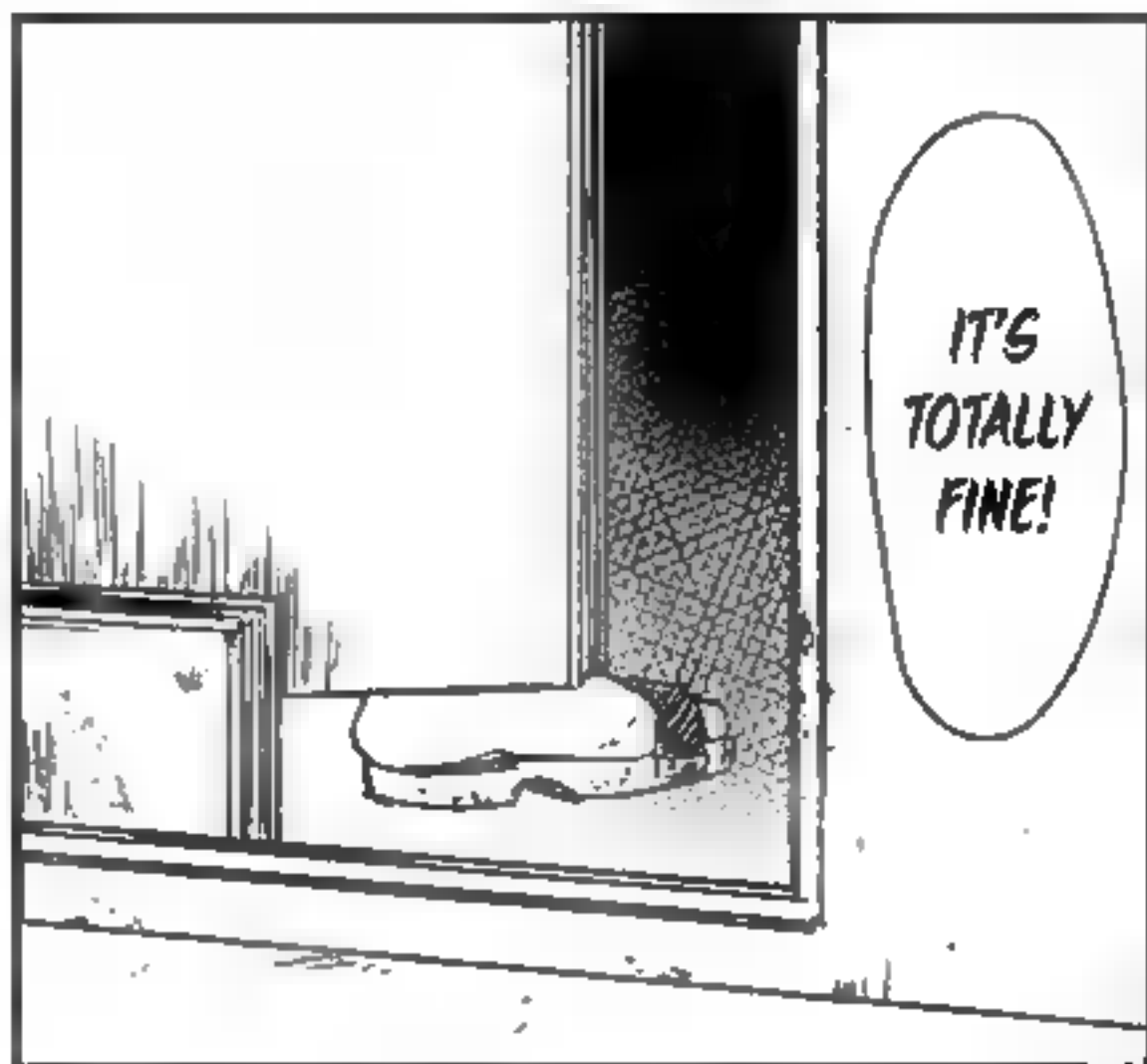
Besides,
I'm the
only one
who knows
what's
going on.

...
Lately,
you've got
dark circles
beneath
your eyes,
Yutaka-
san.





AUG		Matsuo	Honda	Ishida	Morimoto		
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Even with
so much going
on around me,



I always felt
separate,
isolated,

Was that
all just my own
insecurity...?

Perhaps
it was...



I'm so
happy...

I would
never have
thought
that being
accepted like
this

was really

possible.

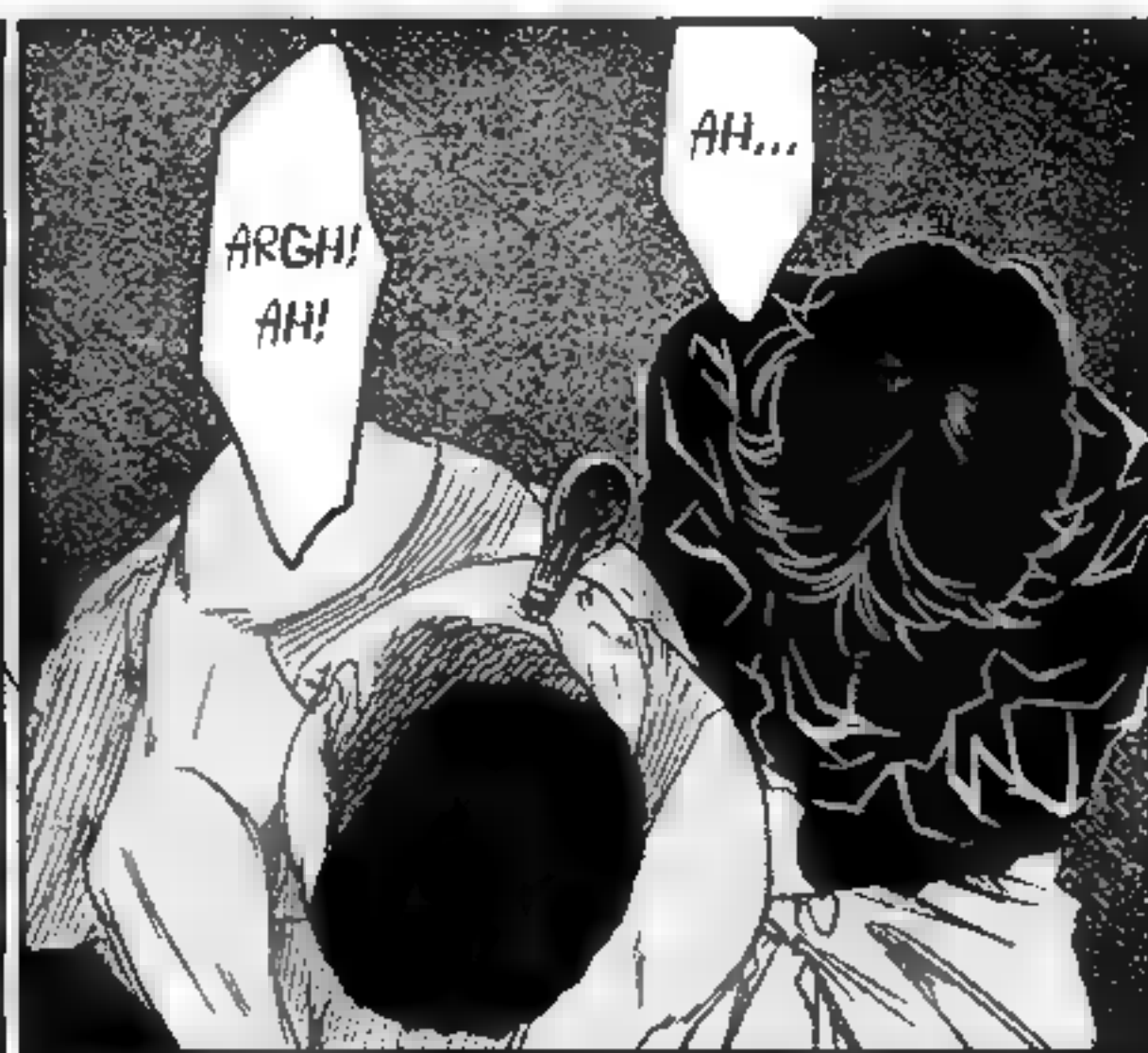


You can
come back,
Kei.

I want to
see you
so much,
right now.












THE REST
WILL GO TO
SAFARI PARK.
WE'LL MELT
WHAT'S LEFT
AFTER THAT,
ESPECIALLY
THE METAL,
AND THAT'LL
BE ONE
CYCLE.




JUST
LETTING
YOU
KNOW,
THIS IS A
MIRACU-
LOUS
SKILL.



IF YOU
WERE
GOING TO
ASPHYXI-
WOULD
HAVE HAD
TO STRAN-
GLE HIM
FOR 5
MINUTE



I don't
kill.



HE'S STILL
BREATH-
ING, EVEN
WITH A
BRAIN-
STEM
INJURY,
SO WE CAN
SELL ALL
OF HIS
INTERNAL
ORGANS
INDIVIDU-
ALLY.
YES, ALL
OF THEM.
ALL OF
THEM.

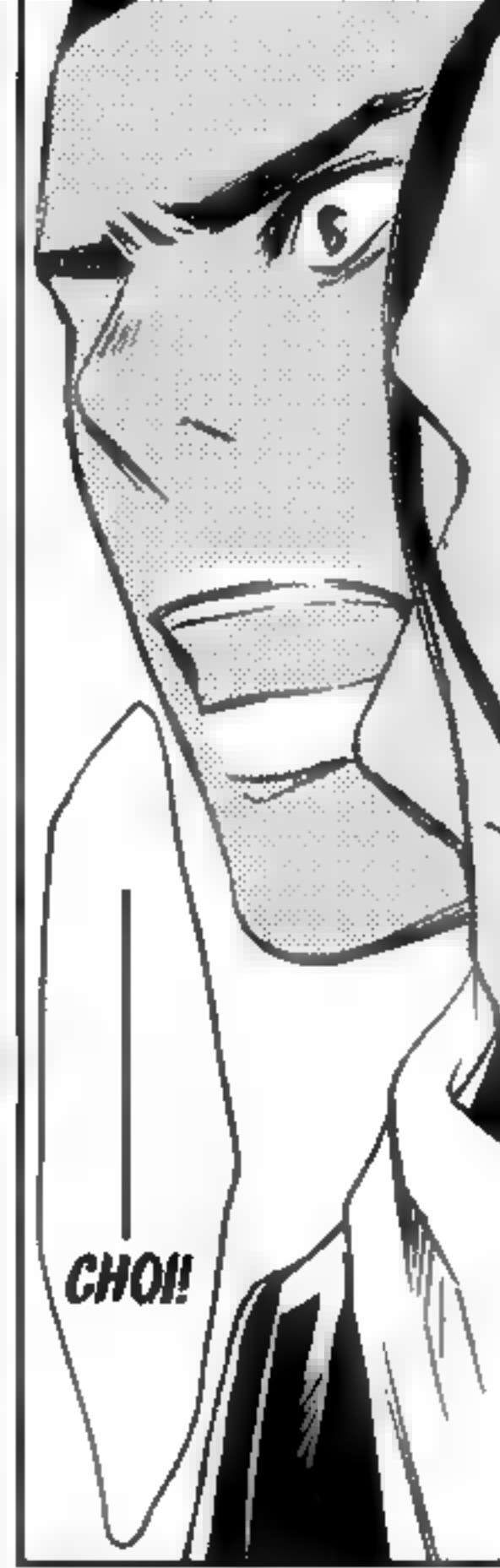
Great
job!

Well then,
let's send
him to get
cut up for
parts!

PUPIL
MIOSIS
CON-
FIRMED.
STILL
BREATH-
ING.

THIS
IS AN
ART.

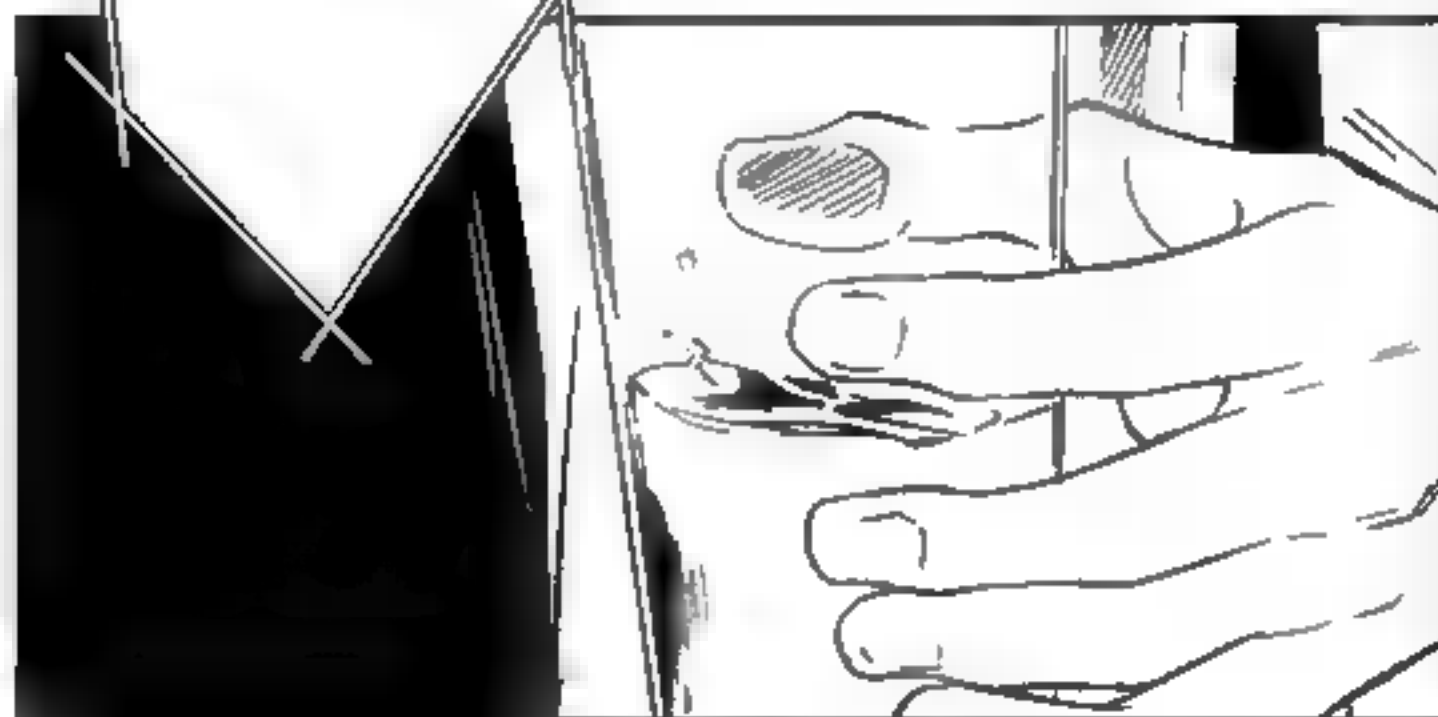






Hachi finished him off just now. Sorry, but can you tell Daitoumiya-sensei that we're bringing him in now?

Sorry to keep you waiting. How was the job?



Put it on speaker.

...It's from Sensei. Can you talk right now?



So... that means Kei didn't obey Kou's orders, correct?

I see.

Yeah, pretty much. Also, check out the notification history on his phone.



None!
'I'm looking
for you
every day',
it says,
look...!

Are there
any that
Kei sent?

It's so
obvious
that there's
someone
looking
for him!

Missed
calls and
messages
on Line,
one after
another.

Wow,
Kei-chan's
phone is
pretty
active,
isn't it?!



He's
just a
shell...
There's
nothing
there.

...He's
not some-
thing as
endearing
as ■ pet
dog.

Dogs get
attached,
and they
cry out
if you hit
them.



Huuh.

He's
almost like
■ beloved
pet dog.

You said he's
like a machine,
but that doesn't
seem to be
the case.



He was more
like a huge
beast than a
dog earlier,
y'know...



T/N : Cormorant fishing is a traditional fishing method primarily in China and Japan. To control the bird, the fisherman ties a snare around the base of its neck so that while it can swallow small fish, large ones get stuck and are brought back to the boat and disgorged.



Just like
■ snare
around ■
cormorant's
neck.

Make it too
tight and he
won't move,
but too loose
and he'll do as
he pleases.

If we
want him to
cough up
information,
we'll need
him to move
accordingly.



Ideally so that
Kei's owner
won't become a
threat to us,

and Kei will
remain a
dear, useful
machine.





"Are you doing well? Where are you?"

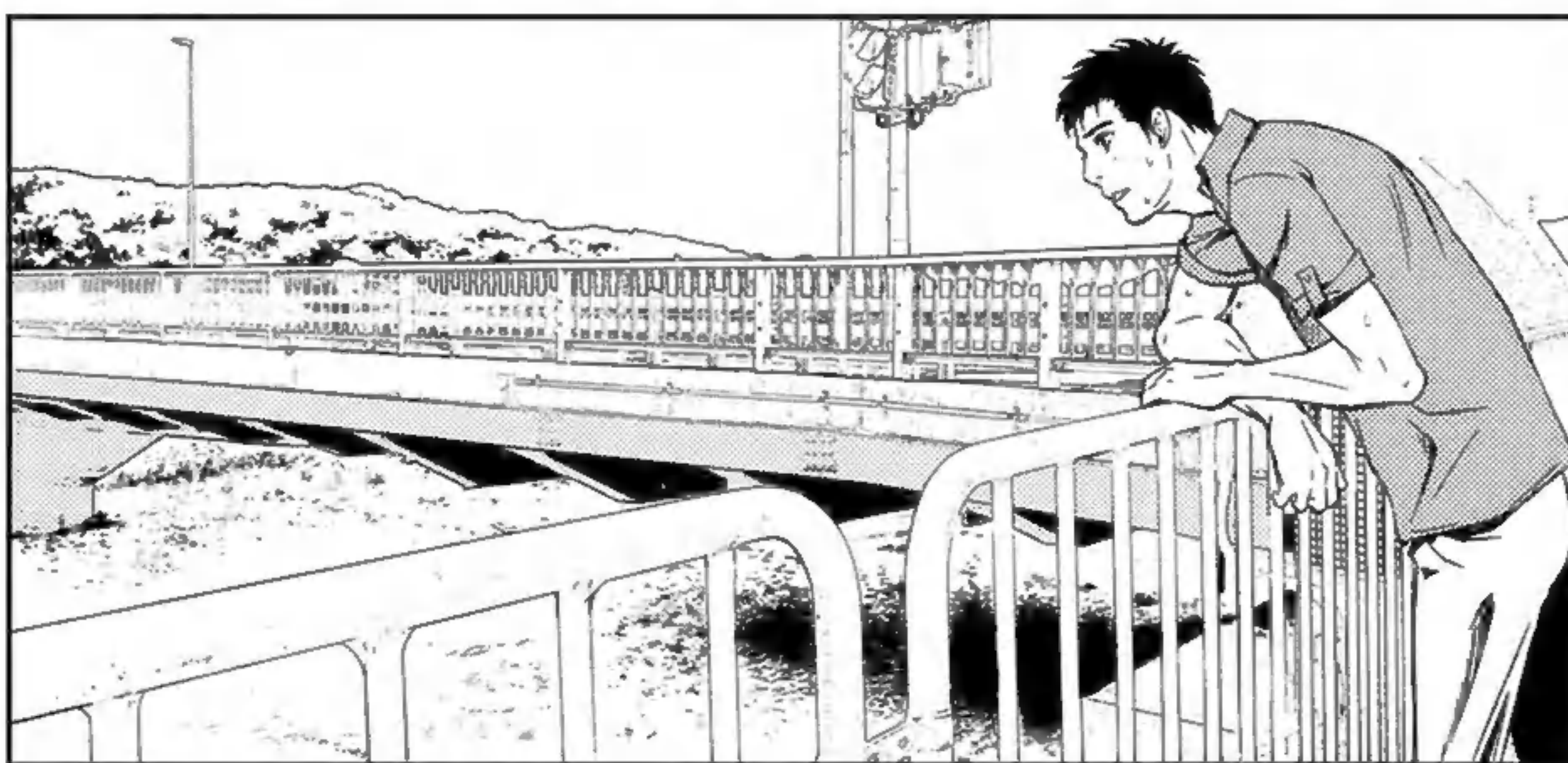
"Contact me when you can, please."

"Please reply to this."











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